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Naval Station Opens Fire Station #4



Fire Chief Frank Kruppa wields the scissors as Captains Buehn and Shimkus lend a hand during the ribbon cutting to officially open Fire Station #4 at Camp Bulkeley. The need for a fourth station at GTMO was brought about by the current detainee mission. The station serves a part of the base that previously had no immediate response fire fighting presence. Trucks had to take the long trip around the mountains to reach the camp area.

Migrant Ops Moving

Migrant Operations Headquarters is moving to its new location April 15. Their new home will be at Kittery Beach Housing, Bldg. 361.

Telephone numbers for the Administrative Office have also changed to: Department Head, 2319; DIVO/LCPO, 3173; Admin, 2075; fax, 2007; Civilian Pay/Budget/Supply, 2318. Telephone numbers for Duty personnel remain the same, 3162 or 3163.

Radiothon Volunteers Needed

The Media Center is planning this year's Radiothon and is in need of volunteers to help with this annual fund-raising event for the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society.

BRIEFS

Volunteers answer phones and pull music requests. For more information or to volunteer, call 2351 or 3071.

Iguana Crossing seeks volunteers, donations

Volunteers are needed to staff our local coffee shop, the Iguana Crossing. Also needed are donations of coffee, milk, sugar, honey, spoons and trash bags. Donations of baked goods are also always appreciated. Please call 2323 to volunteer for a shift or for more information.

OCSC Meeting Change

The April meeting of the OCSC has been rescheduled to April 16, 7pm at the Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the election of next year's officers.

AACC Elect New Officers

The African American Cultural Committee recently held elections for new officers. Please join us in congratulating our newly elected officials: President, Kim Gardner; Vice President, Donna Coakley; Secretary, Cathy Bautista; Treasurer, Stephanie Belim; and Public Relations Officer, Andrea Petrovanic.

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Personnel Achievements



MA1 Matthew Nalley and his Military Working Dog (MWD) were praised for their assistance in a recent Coast Guard drug seizure.



LT Laura Bender is awarded her first Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in recognition of her outstanding performance as Chapel Division Officer during her tour here. Chaplain Bender could be found everywhere at GTMO where her talents could be used or where her counsel and support were needed. Fair Winds and Following Seas Chaplain!



(Right) AK1 Robbin Smith is awarded her fourth Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for her service as the Operations Department Leading Petty Officer.



(Above) ABH1 Tony Rice received a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance as Fire Department LPO and Chief Master at Arms.



GTMO's Public Works Officer, LDCR Eric Denfeld, drops his usual intense facial expression in favor of a big smile as his family is assisted by Capt. Buehn in changing his shoulder boards to reflect his promotion to Commander.



(Right) Our Naval Station Command Career Counselor, NCCS (SW) John Drenning is frocked to his new rank of Master Chief.

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New Water Restriction!

Hand watering of plants and shrubs only, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 6-8pm
No lawn watering!

Water Conservation

Total Used
6,846,213

Daily Avg
978,030.4

Daily Goal
700,000

We spent **-\$36,978.05** OVER our goal last week.

APRIL 2002 TIDAL DATA

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	TIME	LEVEL	TIME	LEVEL	TIME	LEVEL
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09	0025	0.05	0709	1.11	1319	0.19	1921	0.92
10	0119	0.07	0745	1.05	1349	0.15	1957	1.02
11	0201	0.10	0815	0.99	1413	0.11	2039	1.11
12	0249	0.13	0845	0.92	1437	0.06	2115	1.19
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NCTAMS Det GTMO Named Best in Atlantic



Many of the proud members of the NCTAMS team at GTMO gather for a photo outside one of their many operation sites here. The responsibility for keeping GTMO in touch with the world rests in the hands of NCTAMS LANT DET GTMO.

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Atlantic (LANT) Detachment Guantanamo Bay was selected the best Naval Communications Detachment in the Atlantic for FY2001. The DET won the first annual Commander, Naval Network Operations Command's (COMNAVNETOPSCOM) Worldwide "Communications and Information Technology Excellence," or "CITE" Award competition. This program awards and establishes formal recognition for operational excellence within the Navy Network Operations Command (NAVNETOPSCOM) claimancy which includes all naval communications worldwide and is the highest Naval Communications Excellence Award presented to a naval communications station or detachment.

Running the DET is Master Chief Tom Brewer, who told his detachment: "Your many accomplishments in meeting our customer's needs and all operational mission requirements are why we were selected. With these grand awards comes the greater responsibility of maintaining our level of outstanding performance - an accomplishment I have no doubt we can sustain. I challenge each and every one of us to continue to do our best in supporting our most important mission here in Guantanamo Bay.... It is simply a pleasure

to come to work everyday and be around all you outstanding professionals, you continue to make me proud to be a part of this most excellent detachment. Best regards and well done!!!!"

The Master Chief's pride in his detachment staff and in the important job they do is echoed by everyone in the command. CEI(PJ) James Boothe from the detachment's Base Communications Department said, "It has been an honor and a privilege to have [the detachment] selected as the Regional OSCAR winner and now the CITE Award winner for the entire Atlantic area of operations. Our detachment could not have achieved these honors without good old fashion teamwork.

Teamwork is a theme found throughout the DET as their mission becomes more and more complicated with the doubling of the base population and the work load associated with integrating the communications needs of the Joint Task Force operations here with those of the base infrastructure. "I arrived in Guantanamo Bay, on 13 November 2001," said Sk2(SW) Husniyah McNeill from the detachment's Supply Department. "Since then I have noticed that DET GTMO is continuously tasked with numerous jobs, many more now in direct support of JTF operations, in

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BRIEFS CONT.

Events Set for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The theme advertised by the National Sexual Violence Research Center (NSVRC) is "Make a Difference." We can all make a difference by learning to recognize sexual coercion, following our instincts about an uncomfortable situation and intervening when someone else may be at risk.

Volunteer Advocates are available 24 hours a day to respond to incidents of sexual assault and rape. These advocates provide emotional support and information regarding resources in the community. If you would like further information about sexual assault and rape awareness and intervention, call the SAVI Coordinator at the Fleet and Family Support Center 4141.

During the month of April the Fleet and Family Support Center Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Program (SAVI) and program volunteers are sponsoring the following base-wide events:

* Friday, April 5, 11am to noon - Volunteers will man an informational table handing out information on sexual assault awareness and prevention.

* Wednesday, April 17, 7 to 9pm - The movie "The Accused," starring Jodi Foster, will be shown at Chapel Hill Fellowship Hall.

* Saturday, April 20, starting at 6:30am - A 5K Run/Walk will be sponsored with MWR.

* Saturday April 27, 6 to 10pm - SAVI volunteer recognition and special night will be held at the Iguana Crossing. The event will consist of entertainment and refreshments.

Fleet and Family Service Center Classes

Stress Management

Monday, April 15, 2 to 4pm.

Anger Management

Monday, April 22, 2 to 4pm

Both classes will be held at the FFSC. Please call 4141 for more information or to register.

"A Group of Friends" Spread Easter Joy

By PN2 Ron Allen

Easter baskets aren't just for children, as a group of active duty and recalled reserve service members found out on Easter Sunday.

When the group showed up at Eldica Moore's home, the 93-year-old Cuban exile was happy for their company. But she was even more excited to receive the goodies.

"Is this the Easter bunny?" the woman with long black wavy hair, asked the group of nine. "Well, I don't have to go hunting for the Easter bunny now. Thanks very, very much. God bless you all. You don't know how much this means to me."

Moore, who retired as a housekeeper at the Bachelor Officer Quarters after 43 years, was among five elderly Cuban exiles on the island that received an Easter basket from the recently organized body, A Group of Friends. The group also presented baskets to Haitian and a Cuban migrant families.

As the group visited each home, the exiles - all homebound and retirees from the Naval base - did not hold back their emotions.

"Thanks from my heart," Inez Robinson, 68, a retired housekeeper said in Spanish. "Take care of yourself."

Each recipient wanted the group to spend more than the average five or so minutes with them. "You have to go now?" Eunisa Alexander, 90, asked. "I hope you come back again."

Moore told the visitors how she met then Senator John F. Kennedy and Jackie Kennedy when they visited the island. She keeps a small ceramic painting of them on top of her refrigerator. She also showed her visitors a 30-year pin the then Secretary of the Navy presented her late husband Larry Campbell more than 50 years ago. Campbell died in 1999 at age 103, she said.

All five residents, members of the base's Home Care Program, and their spouses remained on the base in 1959 when the U.S. severed ties with Fidel Castro. Today there are roughly 75 exiles living on the base, officials said. Navy officials who run the program said the residents do not generally have visitors; therefore they relish the privilege whenever someone stops by.

Gloria Smith, who retired from the Naval Hospital, was not expecting company much less her basket, so its no wonder the gift caught the 68-year-old off guard.

"She turned about 35 shades red," Cmdr. David S. Points said as he presented her the basket. "She touched my heart. You know it has to touch everyone involved when we go home at night because we are all involved."

Points, along with fellow JTF 160 members, organized A Group of Friends in early March to serve as a mentoring outlet for personnel on the island. The group is comprised of both active duty and reservist members from all branches of the service and civilians. Meetings are held weekly at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Iguauna Crossings coffee shop, and are open to all.



Maj. Jacqueline Gordon presents Mr. Claude McPherson with an Easter Basket full of goodies.

Members of the group suggested the baskets as a community service project, Points said. The idea was not so much to give the recipients something but to add some cheer to their lives, he said.

Instead of filling the baskets to the brim with candy and other sugary goodies, group members chose commodities that the seniors would most likely need, including personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, tissue packs, body lotion and a card.

Members of the group donated the supplies and met on Friday night to assemble the baskets.

Maj. Pamela Patterson, an activated Army Reservists from New York said she was happy to participate. "When you give out the baskets, you see how much happiness is in their eyes," she said. "It makes the work worthwhile."

Patterson says having the members hand-deliver the baskets as a group really made an impact on the seniors. "I'm not sure what they liked best - the baskets or the company of the people who were giving them out," she said. "They sure brightened up when they saw us. They just lit up."

When Maj. Jacqueline Gordon, US Army, handed Claude McPherson his basket, the 79-year-old retiree was more concerned whether there was "any candy in there?"

And when Gordon told him no, he quickly handed it back to her with a frown. "I'm just kidding," he said jokingly. "Give it to me here."

Gordon said she was excited not only about the number of baskets delivered, but also about the care evident in the assembly and presentation of the items.

"When you think about an Easter basket, it's a small thing, but it can mean so much to someone," said Gordon, another mobilized reservist from New York. "I was happy that I made five older people and two families have a happy Easter. And it might just be the one Easter they remember for the rest of their lives."

Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities Scheduled

Throughout the Department of Defense, April is recognized as the Month of the Military Child & National Child Abuse Prevention Month. These observances afford a wonderful opportunity for the GTMO community to

increase awareness about the uniqueness of Military Children and the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The Fleet and Family Service Center, MWR, CDC, the Youth Center & the GTMO community will conduct the following events:

April 5, 4 to 5:30pm - Join us during the Child Development Center Open House as Commanding Officer, Capt. Robert Buehn signs the Proclamation for "April Month of the Military Child & Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the Youth Center. Fun activities and refreshments will follow the proclamation signing. FFSC will have an information booth on site.

April 12, 4 to 6pm - Month of the Military Child & Child Abuse Prevention Month Carnival at the Child Development Center parking lot. Fun activities information booths.

The FFSC will provide the following prevention programs open to the community.

April 17, 2:45pm - Child Abuse Prevention Training for DODEA Teachers at HS.

April 17, 6:30 to 8:30pm - Prevention of Child Abuse Workshop - CDC and Youth Center care providers, and the community at large are invited.

April 25, 11:30am to 12:30pm - Providing Emotional Support to Our Children -- A lunchtime discussion group at the Windjammer ballroom, open to the entire GTMO community.

Taekwondo Student of the Month



April's Taekwondo Student of the month is **Courtney Cady**

Each month, one student from GTMO's Taekwondo Class is selected as student of the month. This individual has demonstrated noticeable discipline skills, respect for self and others, focus and determination.

Well done and congratulations, Courtney!

Worship Services

Roman Catholic Mass

(Main Chapel)

Monday - Friday

Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel) 0630

Saturday

Reconciliation 1630

Eucharist/Mass 1730

Sunday

Eucharist/Mass 0900

Camp X-Ray, QRF Tent 1030

Eucharistic Adoration/Reflective Prayer (Cobre Chapel) Daily, 24hrs

Protestant Service

Sunday

Worship Service - Main Chapel 1100

JTF 160 - Freedom Heights 0800

Contemporary Praise and Worship Service 1930

New Life

(Sanctuary B)

Sunday

Sunday School 1000

Worship Service 1100

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)

Sunday

Sacrament 0900

Jewish

(Sanctuary A)

Twice per month Call 2323

Filipino Bible Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)

Sunday

Worship Service 1800

Inglesia Ni Cristo

(Sanctuary B)

Sunday

Worship Service 2000

Pentecostal Gospel Temple

(Sanctuary C)

Sunday

Worship 0800 & 1700

Seventh Day Adventist

(Sanctuary B)

Saturday

Service 0930 & 1630

United Gospel

(Main Chapel)

Sunday

Service 1245

United Jamaican Fellowship

(Morin Cir Complex - BLDG. 1036)

(Next to the Cable Company)

Sunday

Worship 1100

Please ask the Faith Group Representative about Education Programs, Bible Study, Prayer Groups, etc. For more details, call the Chaplain's Office at 2323.

The Volunteer Spirit: PN2 Ron Allen volunteers showing children the joys of reading and basketball

By Lt. Ronzelle Green

PN2 (SW) Ron Allen had just ended a 12-hour shift as a bus driver when he walked into a classroom, grabbed a book and began reading to about 15 second-graders.

The students listened attentively, and ensured he stayed awake by asking an array of questions.

Allen is among several members of the recently formed organization, A Group of Friends, who have logged several hours tutoring, coaching youth sports or reading to elementary students on the island.

"Whether you're here for 30, 60 or 90 days, this is home for us now. So, it only makes sense for us to help out whenever we can," said Allen, a member of JTF 160.

The mentoring group meets at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Iguana Crossing Coffee House. The 45-minute meetings are open to anyone and no attendance is taken.

After reading to the students, Allen was flooded with questions from his audience.

But he answered each question and quickly redirected the focus on the youngsters.

"What would you want to be when you grow up?" he asked one boy.

The boy, torn between a basketball player and a doctor, didn't take long to choose a doctor after learning the dedication required to be successful at both jobs.

"I guess you could be both but you want to be the very best at what you do," the former third grade teacher who works as a news reporter in South Florida, told the boy. "The only person I can recall who held two demanding full-time jobs and did well at both was Deon Sanders. How many of you would like to be operated by a doctor who was always busy playing basketball and was always tired because he couldn't find time to sleep?"

No hands went up.

"Mr. Allen came in and from day one he fitted right in with

these students," said Mrs. Ann Nguynn, a second grade teacher. "The children really enjoy the interaction and look forward to him coming in each week."

Pat Boswell, who runs the reading program at the school, said having service members read to the students is vital to both parties.

"They need to see that literacy is important to the military," she said, adding that "military breeds military. The students need to bond with the military."

He had some sage advice for the class.

"If you want a good job when you grow up, you need to get good grades starting now so that you can graduate from high school and then possibly college," he said. "And an easy way is to start reading anything you get your hands on now – newspapers, books, and even food packages in your mother's kitchen. That way, I promise you, you will enjoy reading when you get older. If not, I will treat you at McDonalds."

As he walked into the cafeteria at lunchtime, students greeted him with "Hi coach," "Hi Mr. Army man" and "Hi Mr. Allen."

That's because Allen's volunteerism stretches beyond the walls of the classroom.

For the past two months, Allen has been spending his Saturday mornings in the gymnasium coaching youth basketball.

"Community service is nothing new for me," said Allen, who started a mentoring program for young boys in Palm Beach County, Florida, six years ago. "The only thing that is different is the

community where it is being performed. Giving back to my neighborhood is as important to me as tithing."

On Saturday, he was recognized for his volunteerism with a desk trophy at the awards picnic held at the Windjammer pool.

"I enjoy working with those young ones because that's where the shaping begins," said Allen, who was an assistant coach of the Orlando Magic, 4 to 6-year-old division. "A lot of people don't have the patience to deal with them but if you can't find time for them, you will loose another generation."

In addition to reading a story to the second grade class, PN2 Ron Allen also answered questions from the students regarding the military.



Country Music Legend Charlie Daniels Tours GTMO, Thanks Military Troops

By PN2(SW) Ron Allen

The Hummer made the slow, bumpy trip up the dusty, winding road to the top of Steve Crane Hill. Inside, was the driver- a Sailor dressed in fatigues - and three bearded men in civilian clothes. When the tactical vehicle finally stopped, Charlie Daniels, the country music legend in his own right, stepped out to a group of about 45 Sailors in green.

"I was too young for [World War II] and I was too old for the rest and so I was not able to serve in the uniform," Daniels told the troops from JTF 160 near a bunker. "But I can pick up a fiddle and guitar and come out to entertain you."

The two-time Grammy winner, who was in town on a USO tour, took time out to visit the campsite and service members during his three-show trip to the island recently.

All three shows at the Windjammer ballroom were capacity filled.

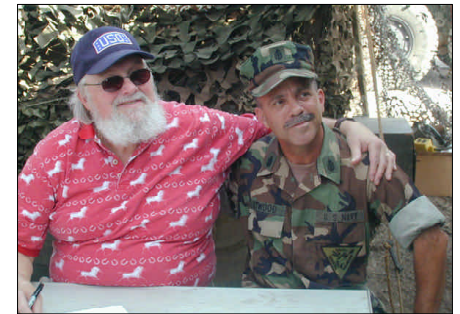
Daniels, who labels himself "southern by birth and a cowboy by choice," took time to give close to 50 autographs and posed for photographs with each Sailor under the shade of a makeshift tent.

"From the bottom of my heart I am very thankful to all of you for serving your country," the talented musician behind that bushy, gray beard, said. "You interrupted your lives to come out here and do this - protecting the greatest country on the face of the earth. You are in my prayers and everyone back home's thoughts."

Daniels said that love of the music must follow a successful musician's path to longevity. Perhaps more importantly, he said, one has to treat others, as you'd have them treat you.

"I see no reason for not being courteous," he said. "I don't like this stuff from people who don't want to sign autographs. There's a side of me that gets pretty impatient at those people."

Alternative rock, country or pop, Daniels said stars are stars



MIUWU 208's YNC Anthony Atwood (right) and Charlie Daniels pose for a souvenir snapshot. Photo by PN2 (SW) Ron Allen

because their fans made them.

"There's no big thing to be gained from shutting yourself off from the public," he said. "Sure, Michael Jackson can't [be accessible]. Elvis probably couldn't and maybe Mick Jagger can't. But Charlie Daniels can."

As each Sailor sat next to him on an aluminum bench and table where he signed autographs, Daniels engaged them in small talk such as their hometowns.

That attitude has won Daniels admiration from fans and fellow celebrities. And even some, who met him for the first time in Guantanamo Bay, were impressed.

"I think it was awesome," said Petty Officer Christopher Cook of North Carolina. "I never thought I'd come to GTMO and see Charlie Daniels. I think it is fantastic that he would take his time to come own here to entertain us, and motivate the troops who are deployed from their families."

The Sailors - assigned to Miami based-MIUWU 208 - presented him with a camouflage cap, autographed by each member, the unit's patches and a package of dried packaged food known as MRE.

"I heard you got stuck in your travels coming down [and] I don't know what kind of food they had. But if you ever get stuck again, here is a meal ready to eat," Cmdr. Andrew P. Shelter, commanding officer of the unit, told Daniels as he handed him a package of pasta with alfredo sauce. "It is good for 30 years, so you can keep it and one day possibly you may have to use it."

Even at 65, Daniels is in demand. He has been speaking to Armed Forces Radio, and appearing on various syndicated radio talk and music shows.

Most recently, Daniels said he snubbed producers for a TV network who wanted him to perform on a benefit following 9-11. Daniels had written a song "This ain't no rag, it's a flag, and



Arriving in a Humvee, Daniels greets the sailors of MIUWU 208. Photo by PN2(SW) Ron Allen

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This Week in Naval History

April 5

1946 - USS Missouri arrives in Turkey to return the body of Turkish ambassador to the U.S. and to show U.S. support and willingness to defend Turkey.

April 6

1862 - Naval Gunfire from Tyler and Lexington help save Union Troops at Battle of Shiloh
1909 - Commander Robert E. Peary reports reaching the North Pole
1917 - U.S. declares war on Germany
1989 - President orders DOD to assist in Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup

April 7

1917 - Navy takes control of all wireless radio stations in the U.S.
1942 - Navy accepts African Americans for general service
1945 - Carrier aircraft defeat last Japanese Navy sortie (Battle of East China Sea); Yamato, world's largest battleship, and five other ships sunk
1979 - Launching of first Trident submarine, USS Ohio (SSBN-726) at Groton, CT

April 8

1950 - Unarmed Navy patrol aircraft shot down over Baltic Sea by USSR
1951 - 1st of 4 detonations, Operation Greenhouse nuclear test

April 9

1861 - Second relief convoy for Fort Sumter left New York
1941 - Commissioning of USS North Carolina, which carried 9 16-inch guns
1959 - Selection of first 7 Mercury astronauts, include 4 naval aviators

April 10

1941 - USS Niblack, while rescuing survivors of torpedoed ship, depth charged German submarine; first action of WW II between U.S. and German navies
1963 - During diving tests, USS Thresher lost with all hands (112 crew and 12 civilians) east of Cape Cod, MA

April 11

1783 - Congress declares end of war with Great Britain
1900 - Navy accepted its first submarine, USS Holland
1970 - Launch of Apollo 13. While 200,000 miles from Earth there was an explosion on board which forced Apollo 13 to circle the moon without landing.
1991 - U.N. ceasefire ends Persian Gulf War



Pictured with Navy Surgeon General Cowan are (from left to right) HM1 Santos Lopez (who was reenlisted by the Surgeon General Earlier), HM3 Amanda Rogers (Junior Sailor of the Year) and HM2 Melody O'Connor (Senior Sailor of the Year).

Navy Surgeon General Visits GTMO

By Lt. Brian Pickle
US Naval Hospital

The Navy Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Michael Cowan, recently paid a visit to Guantanamo Bay. While on the island, the Surgeon General visited the Naval Hospital, Camp X-Ray, and Fleet Hospital 20. The purpose of the visits to was to observe first hand the medical facilities and medical treatment given to the detainees and JTF personnel here on the island.

The Navy Surgeon General delegation was accompanied by the Army Surgeon

General, Lt. General James Peake, and the Navy Deputy Director for Logistics, Rear Adm. John Mateczun. The delegation attended a brief at the Naval Hospital describing the history behind the new mission as well as the capabilities of and collaboration between the Naval Hospital and Fleet Hospital. Following the brief, they toured the Hospital, Camp X-Ray and Fleet Hospital Vice Admiral Cowan and his delegation were favorably impressed with the medical staff here on the island and their accomplishments. Charlie Papa!!!

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it stands for the USA," however, the producers asked him not to sing it because the show was one of healing and not patriotism, Daniels said.

"Hell, it ain't time to heal," he said. "I break down and cry every time I see those two towers go down. I feel real sad, I feel real cold, then I say, 'You picked the wrong people to mess with.' I told them to 'Go on and do your show,'" Daniels said.

Chief Petty Officer Anthony Atwood said the pendulum has shifted and "the United States has recalled that its heritage is based upon and preserved and protected by the fighting men and women of the country.

"Freedom is not free and Charlie Daniels knows that and it's wonderful to have him among us," Atwood, of Miami-Dade, said

For decades, USO tours have provided such inspiration from Jayne Mansfield to Raquel Welch, a touch of home in the flesh. All celebrities volunteer for their entertainment tours of duty. The United Services Organization, better known as the USO, is a nonprofit charity, which operates 117 centers worldwide for U.S. military personnel and their families.

Other celebrities on this year's USO tour include Wayne Newton, who took the baton off microphone from 98-year-old Bob Hope, Shaggy, a former U.S. Marine and Gulf War veteran, Bo Derek, Jessica Simpson, plus the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.

Filing Tax Extensions? Base Tax Center Can Help

People who need more time to complete their forms will find it easy to extend their filing deadline – they don't need an excuse, or even a stamp. Automatic four-month extensions are available by phone or by computer, as well as through the paper Form 4868. Extension requests must be made by the normal filing deadline.

An extension of time to file does not give more time to pay any taxes owed. Taxes owed are due by the tax deadline. A person may choose to pay any projected balance due when requesting an extension, and may make this payment electronically. Even without a payment, one can still get the extension.

Whether requesting an extension electronically or on paper, the taxpayer must estimate the total tax liability based on the information available. If the IRS later finds this estimate to be unreasonable, the extension will be null and void. The taxpayer will still get credit for any payments made with the extension request.

The IRS toll-free line for extensions is 888-796-1074. The IRS handled about 183,000 extensions through this phone system in its first year and expects more than 200,000 this year.

Callers may use Form 4868, "Application

for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," as a worksheet to prepare for the call, figuring the 2001 tax and total payments made. They get a confirmation number to signify that the extension request has been accepted. Users should put this confirmation number on Form 4868 and keep it for their records. They do not send the form to the IRS.

Taxpayers may also e-file an extension request using tax preparation software on their own computer or by going to a tax preparer, such as the VITA office here on

or make an extension-related payment by June 15 to get an additional two months to file. They cannot request this extension by phone or computer. Merely being outside the U.S. on the April deadline does not give a person an extension to June 15.

Extension information and downloadable forms are also available from the IRS website at www.irs.gov or by calling (toll-free) 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). The Tax Center has hard copies of IRS Form 4868 available upon request.

As a reminder, the Tax Center is located in Building 760 (the building formerly known as the White House) on Admin Hill. The office is open 8am to 4pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and 10am to 6pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Although walk-ins are accepted, we strongly recommend that you call ahead to schedule an appointment so that your wait time is minimized. Please note that the Tax Center is **not** able to prepare or file state income tax returns, although we can provide contact information for state taxation offices.

If you have any additional questions about tax extension information or the tax preparation services available on base, please contact the Tax Center at 4692. We stand ready to assist you.

NO EXTENTIONS FOR TAXES OWED - PAYMENT DEADLINE STILL THE 15TH

base. Those filing by computer get an acknowledgment that the IRS has received their request.

Taxpayers who live outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico and whose main place of work is outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico already have a filing extension to June 15. This also applies to those in military service outside the country. Taxpayers with this June deadline can file a paper Form 4868

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particular the Base Communications Office. I honestly think that we are doing great jobs considering the situation we are in down here, especially since half of the time – things seem to just "pop up." Nevertheless, DET GTMO has never failed to rise to each and every challenge. In my opinion, we are doing a darn good job overall in the middle of this chaos.

NCTAMS LANT DET GTMO didn't build this team to work only within the confines of the detachment workspaces. They are a team at work and part of the overall team GTMO experience. One of their team spent 1976-1983 growing up in GTMO. "That I have had the opportunity to support the youth of GTMO, much like the sailors and marines of twenty-five

years ago did for me, has been the greatest reward of this tour," said ET1(SW) Richard D. Brusnahan from the detachment's Administration Department. "The fact that many members of DET GTMO are equally as involved [in the community] embellishes this experience. Nary a children's event or organization occurs without some support from NCTAMS LANT DET GTMO, be it youth sports, the Boy Scouts, DARE, AWANA, or just volunteering at the schools. The 'military' quality goes without saying, but the personal quality of the people I work with on a daily basis has made this the most enjoyable tour of my Navy career."

The CITE Award recognizes the ability of a communications station or detachment to carry out its assigned peace and wartime missions and to perform as an effective part of the Fleet. The CITE is awarded to the top activity within three

specified mission categories (communications, electronic material maintenance and information technology) and is based upon a yearlong assessment of day-to-day performance. The Atlantic Fleet region is one of three NCTAMS regions worldwide has the largest group of dets of the three regions.

DET GTMO also won the FY2001 Regional Commander's OSCAR Award for outstanding telecommunications support and services as well as the FY2000 CONUS Global Information Grid (GIG) Outstanding Transmitting Facility, Category II Award. This award program also recognizes the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations in direct support of the Department of Defense's global information infrastructure. DET GTMO won the GIG award in 1999 and was runner up in both 1997 and 1998, and is again in the running for FY2001 (Cross your fingers).

Creature Feature

"Creature Features" are submitted by Patricia Loop and
The Guantanamo Bay Environmental Office

Cubera Snapper

By Paul Schoenfeld
Natural Resources Manager

The Cubera Snapper (*Lutjanus cyanopterus*) is the largest fish in the snapper family reaching lengths up to 5 feet and weighing up to 125 pounds. Cuberas are dark brown or gray, sometimes with a reddish or purple hue and juveniles usually have pale spots on the upper body. The eyes are large and dark red. They have very obvious canine teeth in the upper and lower jaws and a triangular shaped "patch" of teeth on the roof of the mouth. The canines are large and remain visible even when the mouth is closed.

Cuberas can be found in the western Atlantic from Florida to the Amazon in Brazil. They have been seen as far north as Nova Scotia but they are most abundant from the Florida Keys to Cuba. In general, Cubera are considered scarce throughout their range.

Cubera Snapper utilize deep-water habitats of several hundred feet or more but here at GTMO they are frequently encountered in shallower waters. They are usually associated with structure like wrecks or reefs and also prefer ledges and rock/gravel bottoms. Juveniles are frequently found close to shorelines in mangroves and grass beds. Cuberas are solitary and avoid schools normally associated with other snapper species.

Cubera are predators and large individuals prey on just about anything including lobster, herring, grunts, parrotfish, porcupinefish, and crabs are their primary prey. They are aggressive feeders and ferocious fighters making them a popular sport fish. Cubera are considered a delicacy however, the large fish are considered too rough to eat by many. Cubera have also been associated with ciguatera poisoning.

Cubera are solitary fish and therefore never abundant within their range but they do concentrate during late summer to spawn. Spawning occurs usually in late July and August in approximately 200 feet of water. Like many species of snapper and grouper, this large spawning aggregation concentrated in a small area makes them susceptible to overfishing while on the spawning grounds and authorities are considering a closed season on Cubera corresponding to their spawning season.



Basewide Earth Day Cleanup April 19

In honor of Earth Day, a Basewide Cleanup is scheduled for April 19 starting at 7:30 am.

The command post will be at the Recycling Center and trash bags will be distributed.

All trash will be turned into the Recycling Center that day. We will be weighing trash and sorting out recyclable items.

If you want to redeem your recycling tickets for a free shirt, Recycling T-shirts will be available at the Recycling Center from 7:30am to 1pm.

MWR will have a refreshment stand set up at the Tiki Bar. Sodas and hot dogs/hamburgers will be available for a small fee.

If you have any questions, please contact 4662 ext 204.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you out on CLEAN THE BASE DAY. Mark your calendars now!



FOR SALE

(1) BABY GEAR - Outdoor baby swing, portable hi-chair/booster seat, portable size crib- white wood plus bedding, pad and skirt, changing pad - curved style, baby pool w/sprinkler, nice baby boy clothing, baby towels, maternity clothes size medium, wipe warmer, baby monitor, shopping cart harness Call 5803.

(3) Ladies medium Dive Skin and size 11-12 Seaquest Tropical shorty. \$75.00 for both. Call 7929.

(3) Compaq Workstation 6000 computer. 266MHz, 128 MB Ram, 4 Gig SCSI HD, NVidia TNT video card w/ 16MB, 17" monitor, keyboard and mouse. Excellent computer for student or casual gamer. \$275. Call AWH 7586.

(3) Snorkeling equipment: US divers blades fins-XL, Mojave dry snorkel, Genesis mask w/neoprene headband and Akona dive bag; 3 months old. \$100 OBO. Call Pat at 81162.

VEHICLES/BOATS

(1) 1987 Renault. \$900 OBO. Call Barry AWH 7926 or DWH 2304.

(1) Tired of taking the Heel-Toe Express? Do those groceries get heavy walking back to the barracks? Well, I have just the car for you! A 1981 Ford Mustang in GTMO condition. Available immediately to the best offer. Call 7725.

(3) 1999 Harley Sportster 1200. 5,500 miles. \$7,500 OBO. AWH 7983 or DWH 3544.

EMPLOYMENT

LCN is accepting applications for a full-time customer service representative. Please submit an application at LCN's office. FMI 3744.

GTMO SHOPPER

City Colleges of Chicago is looking for a new director of local operations - Area Coordinator. The job requires a Bachelor's Degree (Master's preferred). Successful applicant should be a self-starter, capable of working with minimum supervision; a people person who is detail oriented; a problem solver. Working hours are 8am to 4pm, Monday - Friday. FMI, call Bob Holland, 3999.

The following are job vacancies currently open through the Human Resources Division:
Openings with closing dates:
Clerk (Medical Records/ Collections, closes 04/15/02)
Open Continuous Vacancies:
Supply Technician, 1st cutoff 12/21, closes 12/06/02
For more information contact the Human Resources Division at 4822 or 4430.

The following job opportunities are available at the Navy Exchange.

F/T - Mon. -Fri.,
7:30am -4:30pm

Services Operations Clerk (NEX Admin)

F/T - Weekdays, Weekends
Meatcutting Worker
Sales Clerk (jewelry)

Flex - Weekdays, Weekends
Food Service Worker

Motor Vehicle Operator

Flex - Afternoons to 7pm
Cash Office Cashier

Temp - 7:30 am to 5 pm or
noon to 5pm
Clerk (Navy Lodge)

For details, visit the Navy Exchange Personnel Office or call 4119.

SERVICES

Going away for the holidays or just need help caring for your pet? Your worries are over, two responsible sixth grade students are here to help. We are very experienced and can handle anything. Call 7797 and one of us will be there!

Senior Petty Officer Association Meetings

When:

SPOA meets at 11:30 am on the first and third Friday of each month.

Who:

The SPOA is open to all E-5 and E-6 Navy personnel, including the Naval Reserve.

Why:

Support your community and fellow Senior PO's by being a member of the SPOA.

Where:

Meetings are held in the Windjammer in the upstairs "ACEY DEUCEY" lounge. Any questions, contact SPOA PAO, CTA1 Barnes at 5111 or email: no2f@usnbgtno.navy.mil

Babysitter -- American Red Cross Certified. Call Rhett at 7864 for your child care.

in holding an Aggie Muster. Contact LT Williams at 4692 or 7647. Gig 'em!

Want to go out, have a relaxing dinner alone, or maybe just a movie? Responsible child care available weeknights and weekends. Red Cross trained. Call Amanda @ 7892

Calling all fishermen ! A new fishing club forming. All interested fisher- persons are welcome to join in for weekly meetings, fishing outings and occasional tournaments. For more information, contact Jim at 81034 or email at jbfins@hotmail.com.

LOST & FOUND

Lost: Camera. Saturday, March 23 at Rick's. Reward upon return. Call Capt. Weaver, (W) 5027 or (H) 81043.

Lost at Lyceum March 19 - Round blue and white baking dish (quiche dish), kitchen towel and fork. Call 5803.

Lost Olympus digital camera at the SeaBee Ball. Reward offered. Please call 5703. If you don't want to return the camera, please call so I can give you the software for it.

A Memorial Fund has been established for a bronze plaque to be placed at Phillip's Park in honor of Sheila DiSanto. Donations can be made at the Community Bank or the Ocean Enterprise Dive Shop.

Force Protection Tip of the Week

Never leave young children alone or unattended. Be certain they are in the care of a trustworthy person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for any Texas A&M former students who will be on base April 21st and are interested

BIG FAT LIAR

Comedy
1 hr. 28 min.

*Starring: Frankie Muniz,
Paul Giamatti,
Amanda Bynes,
Amanda Detmer,
Donald Faison*



Who's afraid of the big bad Wolf? Not Jason Shepherd (Frankie Muniz), who has to prove that a sleazy Hollywood producer Marty Wolf (Paul Giamatti) stole his class paper and turned it into a blockbuster hit movie called BIG FAT LIAR. Traveling to Los Angeles with his best friend Kaylee (Amanda Bynes), Jason tries to break into show business - literally. Through a hilarious series of pranks and ruses, Jason brings one of Hollywood's most powerful producer to his knees.

E.T. THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL

1 hr. 45 min.

*Starring: Henry Thomas,
Dee Wallace Stone,
Peter Coyote,
Drew Barrymore,
Robert McNaughton*



A warmhearted classic for both children and adults. It tells the story of an alien creature, E.T., mistakenly left behind on Earth. When a young boy, Elliott (Henry Thomas), finds E.T. and hides him in his home, both their worlds are changed forever. E.T. teaches Elliott and his two siblings (Drew Barrymore and Robert Naughton), whose parents have recently separated, about caring and love while the children protect E.T. from the malevolent world of grown-ups. Elliott and E.T. become so close that they share emotions; as E.T. becomes ill, so does Elliott. The children end up going on a fabulous adventure trying to help E.T. find a way back to his home planet.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF

Foreign
Drama/Action/Adventure
2 hrs. 22 min.

*Starring: Samuel Le Bihan,
Mark Dacascos,
Vincent Cassel,
Emilie Dequenne,
Monica Bellucci*



Set in 1765 during the reign of Louis XV, a mysterious creature is laying waste to the countryside in a rural province of France, savagely killing scores of women and children. Unseen, possessed of enormous strength and a seemingly near-human intelligence, the beast has eluded capture for years. Desperate to end the growing unrest of the populace, the King sends in a renowned scientist and his Iroquois blood brother, an unconventional team whose combined methods and capabilities may finally bring the beast down.

Movies

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7pm Big Fat Liar
PG - 88min

9pm Brotherhood of
the Wolf
R - 143min

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

7pm E.T. 20th Anniversary
PG - 120min

9pm Collateral Damage
R - 109min

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

7pm The Time Machine
PG13 - 96min

MONDAY, APRIL 8

7pm The Mothman
Prophecies
PG13 - 119min

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7pm Big Fat Liar
PG - 88min

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7pm I Am Sam
PG13 - 133min

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7pm Count of Monte Cristo
PG13 - 131min



What's Happening..

Cheerleaders of America

April 5th at 7:00pm

Downtown Lyceum

Parental Guidance is Suggested

Spring Break Fishing Tournament

April 5-7

Entry Fee \$10 per person

Spring Sailing Regatta & Water Festival

April 6, 2002

Paddle/Kayak Boat Races

Side Walk Chalk Contest

Events start at 10:00am

Join us at the Marina/Sailing Center

For a Fun Filled Day of Fun

Rick's Lounge

Rick's Lounge is now open daily 4pm to midnight. Rick's is open to officers and civilian equivalents only.

Free Sailing Lessons

Available by appointment only.

Learn to enjoy the bay in one of our high speed Zumas, Hunters or Catalina 22's. Our qualified instructors can help you attain basic to advanced skipper licenses.

Call 2345 for sign up times.

Martial Arts "Fitness" Camp

At the Denich Gym

Every Monday & Wednesday

6:15 - 7:15 am

Yoga Ultimate Stretch Classes

Held at G. J. Denich Gym

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

noon to 1pm

Tuesday & Thursday

5:15pm to 6:15pm

Water Aerobics

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

6 to 7pm at Marine Hill Pool

Swimming Lessons

5-5:30pm Infant 4:30-5pm Preschool

4:30-5:15pm Levels 1 & 2

5-5:45pm Levels 3&4

Adults - 6-6:45pm Levels 1 & 2

Call 2193 to sign up

Tae Kwon Do

Marine Hill Aerobics Room

Children - Monday - Friday, 4-5pm

Adults - Monday - Friday, 6:30-7:30pm

All ages - Mon., Wed., & Fri., 11am to noon.

Child Development Center

Month of the Military Child

Parents Night Out - Saturday, April 20th

6:30pm to 12 Midnight

\$5 per child for 5 1/2 hours

Sign up is required by Wednesday April

17th. For More Information call 3664

For more information on any of the events listed above, call 5225.